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Re:

Applicant:

Ruby Mercado, Et al.

Title:

Portable Carrying Devices

Application No.:

10/008,570

Our File No:

1001.300

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find the following:

- 1. Declaration and Power of Attorney Executed by the inventors;
- 2. 7 Drawing pages with corrections pursuant to notice to file missing parts.;
- 3. A petition for extension of time to answer;
- 4. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated January 28, 2002;
- 5. A Check in the amount of \$567 (\$512 for filing fees and \$55 for a one month extension) the applicants are entitled to small entity status; and
- 6. A self-addressed, stamped acknowledgement card to indicate receipt of the above-referenced documents.

Should you have any questions or comments with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to call (949) 500-7811 and the undersigned will be happy to assist you.

Very truly yours,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$204.
 - \$36 for 2 total claims over 20.
 - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1074.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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